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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to board decision on 8/31/09 and interview on 9/22/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16 (renumbered as 1-10, 12-16, and 11 respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/Wenpeng Chen/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2624

Examiner's Amendment/Statement

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mike Czarnecki on 9/22/2009. The amendments are made in light of USPTO interim examination instructions based on recent Federal Circuit decision (In re Bilski, 88 USPQ2d 1385 (Fed. Cir. 2008), which was made after the filings of the Appeal Brief (8/15/07) and the Examiner Answer (10/29/2007).

2. The application has been amended as follows:

For Claims,

Replace Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, and 11 with the followings.

1. (Currently Amended) A texture mapping system, comprising:
a processor;
memory for storing a parametric texture map, the parametric texture map having a plurality of texels defining a first texture, at least one of the texels defining a variable expression that defines a luminosity parameter as a function of light direction; and
a texture map manager configured to perform a rotation of the first texture thereby providing a parametric texture map defining a second texture that is rotated relative to the first texture, the texture map manager further configured to define a variable expression for a texel of

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the parametric texture map defining the second texture by adjusting the variable expression of the one texel to compensate for a change in relative light direction resulting from the rotation.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer executable program, the program comprising:

logic for rotating a texture defined by a parametric texture map, the parametric texture map having a plurality of texels, at least one of the texels defining a variable expression that defines a luminosity parameter as a function of light direction; and

logic for compensating the variable expression of the one texel for a change in relative light direction resulting from a rotation of the texture by the rotating logic, wherein the compensating logic compensates for the change by adjusting the variable expression based on an angle of rotation for the texture to define a new variable expression defining the luminosity parameter for the rotated texture.

6. (Currently Amended) A texture mapping system, comprising:

means for rotating a texture defined by a parametric texture map using a processor, the parametric texture map having a plurality of texels, at least one of the texels defining a variable expression that defines a luminosity parameter as a function of light direction; and

means for compensating the variable expression of the one texel for a change in relative light direction resulting from a rotation of the texture by the rotating means, wherein the compensating means compensates for the change by adjusting the variable expression based on an angle of rotation for the texture to define a new variable expression defining the luminosity parameter for the rotated texture.

7. (Currently Amended) A texture mapping method, comprising:

rotating a texture defined by a parametric texture map using a processor, the parametric texture map having a plurality of texels, at least one of the texels defining a variable expression that defines a luminosity parameter as a function of light direction; and

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compensating for a change in relative light direction resulting from the rotating, the compensating comprising adjusting the variable expression of the one texel thereby defining a new variable expression that defines the luminosity parameter for the rotated texture.

11. (Currently Amended) A texture mapping method, comprising:

rotating a texture defined by a parametric texture map using a processor, the parametric texture map having a plurality of texels, at least one of the texels defining a variable expression that defines a luminosity parameter as a function of light direction; and

compensating the variable expression of the one texel for a change in relative light direction resulting from the rotating, wherein the compensating comprises adjusting the variable expression of the one texel based on an angle of rotation of the texture thereby defining a variable expression for a texel that defines a portion of the rotated texture.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

3. Claims 1-16 (renumbered as 1-10, 12-16, and 11 respectively) are allowed.

In the Examiner Answer, the Examiner explained that Malzbender provides an equation which is a variable expression defining a first texture with a light incident at a first direction with respect to the normal of a surface on a tire. When the tire is rotated, the surface defined by the first texture is rotated to a different orientation with respect to the light. As a consequence, the light direction with respect to the surface is changed and the texture associated with the surface is also changed. The Examiner thus concluded that the change of the relative light direction would automatically change the expression to a new one. However, the Board concluded that Malzbender is silent in regards to rotational luminance analysis of various textures as claimed by Appellants. The Board did not agree that it is obvious as pointed out the Examiner that when the

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texture is rotated relative to the first texture to become a second texture, light direction for the second texture is changed and that accordingly, the expression based on the relative light direction shall be changed. The Board thus concluded that "The Examiner fails to provide any support from Malzbender for his assertion. As we indicated previously, Malzbender and the claimed invention collect measurements in a similar manner and both express the results by variable expressions; however, it is Appellants' texture map manager that provides a rotational analysis of the measurements that Malzbender does not. We agree with Appellants' arguments that Malzbender also fails to disclose adjusting the texel's variable expression to compensate for a change in the relative light direction as a result of the rotation performed by the texture map manager."

With the Board's conclusion as shown above, the Examiner withdraws the previous rejection based on Malzbender. No other prior art teaches the following features recited in the claims:

-- rotating a texture defined by a parametric texture map, the parametric texture map having a plurality of texels, at least one of the texels defining a variable expression that defines a luminosity parameter as a function of light direction as recited;

-- providing a parametric texture map defining a second texture that is rotated relative to the first texture, the texture map manager further configured to define a variable expression for a texel of the parametric texture map defining the second texture by adjusting the variable expression of the one texel to compensate for a change in relative light direction resulting from the rotation as recited.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wenpeng Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-7431. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300 for regular communications and 571-273-8300 for After Final communications. TC 2600's customer service number is 571-272-2600.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

/Wenpeng Chen/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2624

October 1, 2009